

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

### SWITCH

A combined switch and service processor module for a modular computer system is provided. The combined switch and service processor module comprises a switch portion; a service processor portion; and a data interface for communicating management information to other parts of the modular computer system. Wherein the service processor portion is operable to operate in master/slave relationship with a service processor portion of a further combined switch and service processor module of the modular computer system; and wherein the service processor portion is further operable automatically to synchronise management information with the service processor portion of the further combined switch and service processor via the data interface in accordance with the master/slave relationship.